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REPORT

TOPIC Brandenburg - Brist Airfield

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Brandenburg - Brist airfield was observed during the period 7 May - 18 June 1955 and in particular the following was noted: 25X1

7, 11, 12, 18, 21, 26 and 31 May, and 2, 4, 7, 11, 14, 16 and 18 June.

There was air activity by MiG-15s which made individual flights of 15 to 25X1 minutes, including 1 or 2 wide local flights at altitudes between 500 and 800 meters, and flights in formations of two, three and four. The MiG-15

                     were involved in air activity 25X1 on 31 May.

19 May. During the afternoon, 8 to 10 MiG-15s were arranged in one row north of the flight control station, 2 MiG-15s were east of this station.

26 May. A squadron of 10 MiG-15s and 2 individual MiG-15s were aloft.

4 June. Local flights were continuously made by MiG-15s in addition to a formation of 4 MiG-15s in echelon to the right which headed southeast and, after about 20 minutes, returned from the same direction. The take-offs and landings were made individually.

7 June. There was individual flying and formation flights of three and four. A formation of three aircraft was once seen descending at an angle of about 15 degrees while losing an altitude of about 200 meters. Then the formation again climbed to its previous height. This was the only exercise that might indicate a low-level attack. <sup>1</sup>

2. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 18 May - 16 June 1955: 25X1

18, 21, 26 and 31 May, and 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 14 and 16 June.

There was air activity including individual flights and flights in formations of two, three and four aircraft in the vicinity of the field. Five to 9 aircraft were simultaneously aloft.

22 May. At about 1715, a row of canvas-covered MiG-15s was observed north of the flight control station. The aircraft noses pointed to the landing field.

31 May. A total of 14 MiG-15s were observed flying at the same time. FLASH (21)

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5 June. A total of 14 canvas-covered MiG-15s were observed north of the flight control building.

16 June. Eleven MiG-15s were aloft and an additional 8 MiG-15s were simultaneously observed at the field.

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3. No air activity was observed at the field on 3 June. A total of 22 MiG-15s were parked west of the flight control station. Between 0730 and 1310 on 4 June, there was intensive air activity by MiG-15s which made individual local flights and flights in formations of three and four. About 40 MiG-15s were observed in the northeastern section of the field

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1. Comment. The ground attack regiment from Alt Loennowitz airfield continues retraining on MiG-15s at Brandenburg - Brieset airfield. The regiment is believed to be equipped with about 22 MiG-15s. The estimated number of 40 MiG-15s parked in the northeastern section of the field, in addition to the MiG-15s involved in intensive air activity on 4 June 1955, appears far too high.

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This indicates that the fighter regiments mentioned turned over MiG-15s to the ground attack regiments for training purposes.

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